

04-27-01

A

FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.

A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP

600 CONGRESS AVENUE, SUITE 2400
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701

TELEPHONE: 512/474-5201
FACSIMILE: 512/536-4598

WRITER'S INTERNET ADDRESS:
JBRUCKNER@FULBRIGHT.COM

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER:
512/536-3088

HOUSTON
WASHINGTON, D.C.
AUSTIN
SAN ANTONIO
DALLAS
NEW YORK
LOS ANGELES
MINNEAPOLIS
LONDON
HONG KONG

JC971 U.S. PTO
09/843161



04/25/01
JC971 U.S. PTO

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING
NUMBER EL548523314US
DATE OF DEPOSIT April 25, 2001

FILE: SYMM:031/10100391

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RE: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: LONG SUBSCRIBER LOOPS USING AUTOMATIC GAIN
CONTROL - Sommer et al.

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 41-page patent specification including 41 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-9 on 8 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of Jeremy Sommer, Kishan Sheno, Kamila Kraba, Sandro Squadrito and Gary Bogardus for the captioned invention.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (f), the Applicants request the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicants request that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(f) be sent to the undersigned Applicants' representative.

Please date stamp and return the enclosed postcard to evidence receipt of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Bruckner
Reg. No. 35,816

JJB/lak
Enclosure